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The Examiner rejected claims 1-23 and 27-28 under 35 USC 102 and or 103 in view of several references. The Examiner indicated that dependent claims 24-26 and 29 would be allowable if amended into independent form.

According to the Examiners suggestion with respect to claim 29, claim 21 has been amended to include each and every limitation of claims 28 and claim 29.


Claim 24 has been amended according to the Examiners suggestion into independent form, including each and every limitation of claims 21, 22 and 23 as originally filed.

Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims originally dependent upon claim 1 have been amended to depend upon claim 21, therefore these claims should now also be in allowable form.

Prior dependent claims which duplicated elements already appearing in current independent claim 21 have been canceled.

Having obviated each of the Examiners rejections, applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued. Should the Examiner be inclined to issue an Official Action other than the notice of allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner first contact Applicant by telephone at the number listed below.

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